

15th January 2017

Epiphany 2

WELCOME

The Heart of England Group of Parishes

in the villages of Bidford, Binton, Exhall,
Salford Priors, Temple Grafton & Wixford

*A special welcome if you are visiting us today
or are here for the first time.*

Do introduce yourself to someone after the service

SERVICES TODAY

8.00am	Holy Communion	Exhall
8.45am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors
10.30am	Choral Eucharist	Temple Grafton
10.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	Bidford
10.30am	Village Praise	Salford Priors
3.30pm	Mix	The Barn
4.00pm	Party Church	Bidford
7.00pm	Fresh Expressions	Salford Priors MH

SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY (22nd January)

8.00am	Holy Communion	Bidford
8.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	Wixford
10.00am	Family Service	Temple Grafton
10.30am	Village Praise	Binton
10.30am	Holy Communion	Salford Priors

**PLEASE NOTE—There will be NO 10am service at Bidford
next Sunday—22nd January.**



**Worshipping God
Making new Disciples
Transforming Communities**



Suggestions for prayer during the week for:

- all who are unwell, especially Cheryl, Rachel Clark, Joanna Cotterell, Ron Draycott, Barbara Harrison, Ellen Houghton, Chloe Lambert, Jim Lewis, Geoff Mullett, Linda Mullett, and all their families and carers
- those who are mourning the loss of a loved one
- Jonathan Veira as he comes to perform here on Friday
- David & Valerie Benskin as they begin their ministry in Wilmcote
- The process for finding a new Associate Minister for the group
- Dom Hallett as he applies for a visa to enter the USA to be married to Destiny
- All the couples being married in our churches this year and for the Marriage Preparation sessions taking place at the end of the month
- Plans for Children/Schools workers in our benefice
- The work now started at St Matthew's to adapt the south aisle area and for minimum disruption to services during the work

*"Pray for each other..the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective"
James 5.16*

Valerie and I would like to thank everyone in the benefice who have helped and supported us over the last 28 years. It is with some regret that God sees fit to 'move' us on to pastures new, but we are not straying too far and in fact, we will still be living in Bidford for at least the next 6 months! Thank you for the 'good luck' card and gift and your continued prayer and support would be much appreciated as we begin our ministry to St Andrews Wilmcote. Please be assured of our prayers for all in the Heart of England benefice as you go through changes in the coming months.
David & Valerie Benskin.

Sunday 29th January we will once again be holding a **Group Education Service** focussing on our Schools. This will be held at St Laurence's Bidford at 10.30am and the preacher will be the Bishop of Coventry, Rt Revd Dr Christopher Cocksworth. So do please book the date and come to support all our 4 Church Schools.





Jonathan Veira Evening “Songs & Tales”

NEXT Friday 20th January 2017
 7.30pm at St Laurence Church, Bidford.
 Tickets at £10 each are now available from
Roger Huggins (contact details overleaf)

Bring your friends!

**Last chance:
 GET YOUR TICKETS
 TODAY!**

THIS FRIDAY!



The Friends of Salford Priors School (FOSPS) are asking for donations of good condition clothes, paired shoes etc. for their “Bag 2 School” collection—a fund raising initiative. There is a large box at the back of St Matthew’s to place your donations in.

We all have clothing in our wardrobes that we haven’t worn in ages! In a world of fast fashion, we now have a lot of stuff – but when it comes to clear out what do you do to make sure the environment comes off best?

Bag2School has the answer – we’ve been helping schools for over 15 years and in the process paid out over £27 million to PTAs and Friends of School Groups and many other organisations. The More We Weigh the More We Pay.

Party Church is on this afternoon
It all starts at 4pm in
St Laurence’s Church, Bidford.
Theme: “LOST and FOUND”
Do come and join the Party!



What’s happening during the week around the Group:

Monday	9.30am	Monday Morning Bible Study—Edna’s house
	1.30pm	First Steps—Bidford Church Hall
Tuesday	7.00pm	Prayers at St Laurence’s, Bidford
Thursday	9.00am	Thursday Prayers at St Matthew’s Salford Priors
	9.30am	Holy Communion at St Laurence’s, Bidford
Friday	7.30pm	Jonathan Veira Evening at St Laurence, Bidford

Early Sunday Communion Services. Changes to the pattern of services:

- Exhall, 8am 1st Sunday service **moves** to the 3rd Sunday each month
- Bidford, 8am 3rd Sunday service **cancelled**
- Binton, 8am 3rd Sunday service **moves** to the 5th Sunday
- Salford Priors, 8:45am 5th Sunday service **cancelled**

All the other services continue without change for the time being, get a copy of Heartbeat to see the whole pattern. I know that this is going to inconvenience some of you and I can only apologise. On a more positive note I do hope that some of you will be able to travel to other churches when there is no service in your local church and that you will enjoy meeting with others as a result.

Peter Walker



Churches Together

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from January 18th to 25th. It starts locally with a Service at the Barn in Bidford on Jan 18th - 7.30pm for 8pm.

The week will conclude with a 'Bring and Share' lunch at Bidford Methodist Church on Wednesday 25th January at 12.30pm.

All are welcome.

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Readings:	15th January	22nd January	29th January	5th February
1st Reading	Isaiah 49.1-7	Isaiah 9.1-4	1 Kings 17.8-16	Isaiah 58.1-12
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 1.1-9	1 Corinthians 1.10-18	1 Corinthians 1.18-31	1 Corinthians 2.1-12
Gospel	John 1.29-42	Matthew 4.12-23	John 2.1-11	Matthew 5.13-20
SP H/group	Penney	Berkley	NO SERVICE	Hallett